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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## Medical Officer of Health

AND THE

## Public Health Inspector

for the Year

1964

Tel. No. Bridport 2385/6.

Health Centre,
North Allington,
Bridport.

July, 1965.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen, and
Councillors of the Borough of Lyme Regis.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1964.

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The joint appointment of a Public Health Inspector with the Bridport Rural District Council was made to carry out the additional responsibilities placed on the Borough Council by the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act which came into force during the year. At the same time it will allow an increase in other aspects of public health work particularly in respect of the inspection of food premises.

I must express my thanks to the members and officers of the Council for the co-operation, consideration and help I have received during my first year as Medical Officer of Health. I am also grateful to Mr. Kennaugh the Public Health Inspector for his assistance in preparing this report.

Your obedient servant,

John G Meadows

Medical Officer of Health.

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## PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Chairman. Alderman R. Oliver.

Vice Chairman. Councillor C.L. Saul.

Councillor R.R. Brooks-Ball

Councillor G. Kay.

Councillor R.J. Childs.

Councillor G.R. Upjohn.

Councillor V.J. Homyer.

Ex officio Councillor F.D. Fortnam (Mayor)

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## PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health.....Adam Armit, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Retired 30/6/64.
John G. Meadows, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
as from 1/7/64

Also Medical Officer of Health for Bridport Borough Council and Bridport and Beaminster Rural District Councils, and Senior Assistant County Medical Officer. 5/11 of time allocated to Dorset County Council and 6/11 shared between the four District Councils.

Public Health Inspector
and Surveyor.....Ian D. Kennaugh, M.R.S.H.
Additional Public Health B.C. Wilmot, M.R.S.H. (part-time)
Inspector.....(commenced 1/8/64 resigned 31/12/64)
Clerk to the Medical Officer...Miss B.E. Lawrence.

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## STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

| | |
|---|---|
| Area in acres. .. .. .. .. .. | 1,237 |
| Registrar General's estimate of population .. | 3,330 |
| No. of inhabited houses (according to the Rate Books as at end of 1964) | 1,255 |
| Rateable Value .. .. .. .. .. | £140,364 |
| Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. .. .. | £546 |

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## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Area Comparability Factor. Births - 1.41 Deaths - 0.73

This is worked out for each District by the Registrar General. Its object is to level out differences in the age and sex constitution of the populations of the various Districts and its use allows statistical comparison to be made between different areas.

| Live Births. | Male. | Female. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Registered..... | 20 | 15 | 35 |
| Legitimate..... | 19 | 13 | 32 |
| Illegitimate..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population :- Crude 10.51 Corrected 14.81

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births :- 8.57

| Still Births. | Male. | Female. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Registered..... | - | 2 | 2 |
| Legitimate..... | - | 2 | 2 |
| Illegitimate..... | - | - | - |

Still-birth Rate per 1,000 live and still-births :- 54.0

Total Live and Still Births.

| | Male. | Female. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Registered. | 20 | 17 | 37 |

| Deaths (all ages) Total Registered. | Male. | Female. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 23 | 30 | 53 |

Death Rate per 1,000 population :- Crude 15.02 Corrected 10.96

Deaths of Infants.

| | Males | | | Females. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Legit. | Illegit. | Total. | Legit. | Illegit. | Total. |
| Under 1 year of age.. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Under 4 weeks of age. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Under 1 week of age. | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births ..... -
Legitimate" " " " legitimate live births..... -
Illegitimate " " " " illegitimate live births..... -
Neo-natal Mortality Rate(deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births).... -
Early Neo-natal " " (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births).... -
Perinatal " " (still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births).....54.0

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths..... 1.
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births.....27.0

## OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

| | 1930 | 1940 | 1950 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Population | 2394 | 3212 | 3036 | 3180 | 3510 | 3510 | 3470 | 3330 |
| Rateable Value | £19911 | £25771 | £26853 | £53592 | £55083 | £55298 | £138210 | £140364 |
| Estimated Produce of a Penny Rate | £78 | £98 | £106 | £212 | £217 | £220 | £530 | £546 |
| **BIRTHS.** | | | | | | | | |
| Live Births | 27 | 43 | 35 | 36 | 56 | 38 | 32 | 35 |
| Legitimate | 27 | 41 | 30 | 35 | 55 | 35 | 30 | 32 |
| Illegitimate | 0 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Still Births | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Live Birth Rate (crude) | 11.3 | 13.9 | 11.4 | 11.3 | 15.9 | 10.8 | 9.2 | 10.5 |
| Live Birth Rate (corrected) | N.A. | N.A. | 12.4 | 12.9 | 16.7 | 11.4 | 13.0 | 14.8 |
| Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales) | 16.3 | 14.6 | 15.8 | 17.1 | 17.4 | 18.0 | 18.2 | 18.4 |
| Still Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales) | 41 | 37 | 23 | 19.7 | 18.7 | 18.1 | 17.3 | 16.3 |
| **DEATHS.** | | | | | | | | |
| Total Deaths | 24 | 56 | 40 | 41 | 55 | 64 | 60 | 53 |
| Death Rate (crude) | 10.0 | 13.6 | 13.1 | 12.9 | 15.7 | 18.2 | 17.3 | 15.0 |
| Death Rate (corrected) | N.A. | N.A. | 9.4 | 9.8 | 13.5 | 15.7 | 12.6 | 11.0 |
| Death Rate (Eng. & Wales) | 11.4 | 14.3 | 11.6 | 11.5 | 12.0 | 11.9 | 12.2 | 11.3 |
| **INFANT MORTALITY.** | | | | | | | | |
| Deaths under 1 year | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Infantile Death Rate | 37 | 87 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26.3 | 31.3 | 0 |
| Infantile Death Rate (Eng. & Wales) | 60 | 55 | 29.8 | 21.7 | 21.4 | 20.7 | 20.9 | 20.0 |
| Neonatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales) | 31 | 30 | 19 | 15.6 | 15.5 | 15.1 | 14.2 | 13.8 |
| **MATERNAL MORTALITY.** | | | | | | | | |
| Maternal Deaths | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Maternal Death Rate | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27.0 |
| Maternal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales) | 3.9 | 2.2 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 |

N.A. = Not available.

Causes of Death at different periods of life.
Registrar General's Official Return.

Causes of Death.

| | | | Totals. |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. | 10. | Malignant neoplasm, stomach. | 4. |
| | 11. | Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus. | 4. |
| | 12. | Malignant neoplasm, breast. | 1. |
| | 14. | Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms. | 2. |
| | 17. | Vascular lesions of nervous system. | 6. |
| | 18. | Coronary disease, angina. | 8. |
| | 19. | Hypertension with heart disease. | 2. |
| | 20. | Other heart disease. | 6. |
| | 21. | Other circulatory disease. | 4. |
| | 23. | Pneumonia. | 5. |
| | 24. | Bronchitis. | 1. |
| | 26. | Ulcer of stomach and duodenum. | 1. |
| | 27. | Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea. | 1. |
| | 30. | Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion. | 1. |
| | 32. | Other defined and ill-defined diseases. | 6. |
| | 34. | All other accidents. | 1. |
| | | | 53. |

Where a cause of death and code number is omitted there have been no deaths from this cause.

Causes of Death at different periods of life.
Registrar General's Official Return.

| | Total all ages. | | Under 4 weeks. | | 4 weeks and under 1 year. | | 1- | | 5- | | 15- | | 25- | | 35- | | 45- | | 55- | | 65- | | 75 & over | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| * No.10. | 1 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| 11. | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 12. | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| 14. | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| 17. | 3 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 18. | 1 | 7 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 19. | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| 20. | 2 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 4 |
| 21. | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - |
| 23. | 2 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 24. | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| 26. | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| 27. | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| 30. | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 32. | 4 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 3 | 2 |
| 34. | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Totals. | 23 | 30 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 3 | - | 4 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 13 | 19 |

* Numbers refer to causes of death listed on opposite page.

## PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified shows a reduction over the previous year, mainly because in 1963 there had been an unusually large number of cases of measles.

There have been no cases of Diphtheria or Poliomyelitis notified and this is a direct result of the high level of immunisation against these diseases.

### Infectious Diseases notified during 1964.

| DISEASES. | Total. | Under 1 year. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-24 | 25-44 | 45-64 | 65+ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Measles..... | 38 | - | 2 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 20 | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Pneumonia..... | 8 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Scarlet Fever... | 4 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total. | 50 | - | 2 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 22 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

### Quarterly Notifications 1964.

| DISEASES. | Total. | 1st. Qrt. | 2nd. Qrt. | 3rd. Qrt. | 4th. Qrt. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Measles..... | 38 | - | 2 | 5 | 31 |
| Pneumonia..... | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | - |
| Scarlet Fever... | 4 | - | - | - | 4 |
| Total. | 50 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 35 |

### Infectious Disease Notifications for Comparison.

| | 1937 | 1940 | 1950 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Diphtheria..... | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Erysipelas..... | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Scarlet Fever..... | 1 | - | - | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 4 |
| Enteric Fever..... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Food Poisoning..... | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | 1 | - |
| Meningococcal Infection | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Puerperal Pyrexia..... | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Cerebro-Spinal Fever.. | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Acute Poliomyelitis.. | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dysentery..... | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| Pneumonia..... | - | - | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 8 |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | - |
| Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Measles..... | - | 23 | 104 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 179 | 38 |
| Whooping Cough..... | - | 51 | 15 | - | 20 | - | 2 | - |
| Total. | 6 | 78 | 123 | 15 | 40 | 14 | 202 | 50 |

Tuberculosis.

There were no new cases of Tuberculosis notified during the year and no deaths from this cause.

The number of cases on the register continues to decline.

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register.

| | Pulmonary. | | Non-Pulmonary. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Total cases on Register at end of 1963. | 4 | 4 | - | 2 |
| New cases notified during 1964. | - | - | - | - |
| Cases from other areas who have come to live in the District. | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Removals from District into other areas. | - | 1 | - | - |
| Removed from Register as Non-Tubercular. | - | - | - | - |
| Removed from Register - Cured. | 2 | - | - | - |
| Deaths during 1964. | - | - | - | - |
| Total on Register at end of 1964. | 3 | 4 | - | 2 |

Average yearly incidence.

| | New Cases. | | Deaths. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Pulmonary. | Non-Pulmonary. | Pulmonary. | Non-Pulmonary. |
| 1940 - 1949 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0 |
| 1950 - 1959 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0 |
| 1960 - 1965 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0 | 0 |

Total cases on the Tuberculosis Register Pulmonary & Non-Pulmonary

| | Cases. | | Cases. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1946. | 11 | 1955. | 14 |
| 1947. | 12 | 1956. | 10 |
| 1948. | 15 | 1957. | 10 |
| 1949. | 12 | 1958. | 10 |
| 1950. | 12 | 1959. | 8 |
| 1951. | 16 | 1960. | 11 |
| 1952. | 20 | 1961. | 11 |
| 1953. | 18 | 1962. | 9 |
| 1954. | 17 | 1963. | 10 |
| | | 1964. | 9 |

Immunisation.

This is the responsibility of the Dorset County Council and either carried out by the family doctor or at the Health Centre.

The following table shows the number immunised.

P = Primary dose. R = Reinforcing dose.

| POLIOMYELITIS. | | | | | DIPHTHERIA. | | TETANUS. | | WHOOPING COUGH. | | SMALLPOX. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ORAL. | | SALK. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 doses. | R. | P. | 3rd. | 4th. | P. | R. | P. | R. | P. | R. | P. | R. |
| 37 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 21 | 66 | 64 | 27 | 9 | 14 | 4 |

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## HOUSING.

No new houses were constructed by the Council, but 19 were built by private enterprise, and consequent to conversion works 6 additional units of accommodation were provided but two units were lost by converaion to business or trade use.

There were 54 applicants on the waiting list for housing at the end of the year.

### Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. inspected for housing defects | 15. |
| No. of inspections | 22. |
| No. found to be in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or dangerous and unfit for human habitation | 7. |
| No. of Informal Notices served | 7. |
| No. of Informal Notices complied with | 7. |
| No. of Statutory Notices served | 2. |
| No. of Statutory Notices complied with | 2. |
| No. of Closing Orders made | 1. |
| No. of houses demolished (voluntarily by owner) | 1. |
| No. of undertakings accepted | 1. |

No. of new houses in course of construction ;-

| | |
|---|---|
| (a) By Local Authority | Nil. |
| (b) By Private Enterprise | 19. |

### Slum Clearance.

One house was demolished voluntarily by owner - off Cobb Road.

One Closing Order made - 1 East Cliff.

One undertaking accepted - house in Silver Street.

In addition 7 houses were extensively repaired or reconstructed.

### Certificates of Disrepair.

| | |
|---|---|
| Applications made | Nil. |
| Certificates issued | Nil. |

### Improvement Grants.

Discretionary. Two grants approved to provide three units, total grant approved £380. Works at two completed by end of the year, the other proceeding.

Standard. Two applications from previous year completed, total grants paid £268 - all five amenities provided in each case. During the year four applications received and approved works to one completed and grant paid £155 for five amenities, works to the other three proceeding.

Post War Houses.

Completed by :-

(a) Local Authority 205 (b) Ministry (Prefabs) 10.....215.
(c) Private Enterprise (Houses 203 Flats 58).....261.
No. of houses owned by Local Authority.....359.

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WATER SUPPLY.

Lyme Regis obtains its water supply from the East Devon Water Board. The Harstongue spring, Pinhay, has a capacity of 500,000 gallons per day, and there is a 500,000 gallon reservoir at Rousdon providing additional storage for the area.

In addition to guard against interuption in supplies through landslips at the Pinhay source a 120,000 gallons per day can be abstracted from the River Axe,

During 1964 an additional length of main was laid from Charton Tank to the Lyme Regis Balancing Reservoir allowing a greater quantity of water to be delivered to the town.

The installation of chemical and filtration plant at the Whitford Bridge site was completed to facilitate abstraction of river water in an emergency. A new 8 inch main was laid from the pumping station to deliver a supply into the existing distribution system to the south west of Musbury village, thus connecting the river supply to the mains leading to Rousdon reservoir. Under normal circumstances this reservoir is supplied from the Pinhay source.

Analyses.

62 samples from springs, mains and household taps were taken by the Water Board, and with the exception of one all were reported as satisfactory. The unsatisfactory sample was from a new main undergoing chlorination and not supplying the public. A repeat sample was satisfactory.

Chemical Water Analyses. (Results in Parts Per Million)

Copy of a Report from the Counties Public Health Laboratories, London. 15/2/63.

On a sample of water sent by the East Devon Water Board taken from the sump, Pumping Station, Pinhay.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appearance | Clear and bright. | Turbidity | Nil. |
| Colour | Nil. | Odour | Nil. |
| pH. | 7.3 | Free Carbon Dioxide | 22 |
| Electric Conductivity | 520 | Dissolved Solids dried at 180 c | 360. |
| Chlorine present as Chloride. | 32 | Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate. | 235. |
| Hardness; Total | 265. Carbonate 235. | Non-Carbonate | 30 |
| Nitrate Nitrogen | 3.6 | Nitrite Nitrogen | Absent. |
| Ammoniacal Nitrogen | 0.010 | Oxygen Absorbed | 0.05 |
| Albuminoid Nitrogen. | 0.000 | Residual Chlorine | ... |
| Iron, Zinc, Copper | absent. | Lead, Manganese | absent. |
| Fluoride | less than 0.1 | | |

From the aspect of the chemical analysis, these results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

| Rainfall. | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January. | 4.83 | 4.48 | 3.18 | 3.71 | 5.87 | 4.07 | 5.32 | 5.32 | 0.89 | 0.80 |
| February. | 3.19 | 0.10 | 4.37 | 4.02 | 0.49 | 4.17 | 4.09 | 0.61 | 2.01 | 1.37 |
| March. | 1.48 | 0.92 | 3.27 | 2.09 | 3.94 | 2.49 | 0.06 | 2.29 | 5.16 | 5.44 |
| April. | 1.32 | 0.92 | 0.14 | 0.86 | 2.72 | 2.15 | 4.73 | 1.92 | 4.52 | 2.46 |
| May. | 4.31 | 1.19 | 1.80 | 3.26 | 1.01 | 2.17 | 1.26 | 2.12 | 2.31 | 3.28 |
| June. | 3.30 | 2.49 | 2.46 | 2.74 | 1.15 | 1.46 | 0.62 | 0.14 | 1.83 | 1.25 |
| July. | 4.04 | 2.14 | 3.51 | 2.66 | 2.11 | 3.84 | 1.03 | 1.89 | 1.79 | 0.69 |
| August. | 0.98 | 6.58 | 2.08 | 3.60 | 1.90 | 5.61 | 3.45 | 4.51 | 4.22 | 0.82 |
| September. | 3.13 | 3.13 | 3.57 | 3.13 | 0.10 | 6.60 | 2.57 | 3.77 | 2.66 | 1.28 |
| October. | 2.39 | 2.18 | 3.12 | 5.13 | 3.84 | 10.60 | 4.67 | 3.70 | 3.10 | 3.84 |
| November. | 4.55 | 1.03 | 2.43 | 3.26 | 5.96 | 5.07 | 1.91 | 1.55 | 6.62 | 2.48 |
| December. | 5.69 | 5.55 | 3.38 | 6.29 | 7.58 | 3.99 | 4.54 | 2.63 | 2.85 | 3.86 |
| Total. | 39.21 | 30.71 | 33.31 | 42.75 | 36.67 | 52.22 | 34.25 | 30.45 | 37.96 | 27.57 |

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DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The developed areas of the town are on the water borne carriage system, largely combined soil and surface, with the exception of the post war housing estate which is on the separate system, and all new properties, where practicable, are now being dealt with on the latter system. One small area Ware Lane is dealt with on septic tanks and filters. The Council's seasonal Monmouth Beach area has part water borne system and part Elsan, the latter being collected twice weekly. A new water borne toilet block was completed during the year for the Monmouth Plateau caravan site.

Over two thirds of the drainage of the Town is received and discharged into the sea below low water mark by the Eastern Outfall (18" cast iron sewer) across Broad Ledge, installed in 1900.

The Cobb area is dealt with by a 9" sewer discharging into a 12" cast iron sewer carried out beyond low water mark west of the Cobb. The 9" portion of this sewer, is situated in the movement area of the Cobb Road, and requires constant attention.

A new foul sewer (46 yards) was laid on the Monmouth Plateau caravan site.

Public Lavatories.

Accommodation is provided for both sexes in six blocks at the Square, Marine Parade, Cobb Harbour, Monmouth Beach, Holmbush car park, one small block for men at the Victoria Pier, and also a small block at the Monmouth Beach for the use of the Sandboy Huts and caravans.

Pollution of Rivers.

No serious pollution occurs in the river Lym during its course through the Borough.

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ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

No nuisances were reported during the year.

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## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

### Meat Inspection.

There is no slaughterhouse in the Borough, the retailers obtaining their meat outside the district.

### (1) Food Premises by Type.

There are 100 food premises as follows :-

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bakers | 3. | Fried Fish shop | 1. |
| Butchers | 4. | Ice Cream | 28. |
| Fishmongers | 2. | Dairies | 2. |
| Grocers | 10. | Public Houses | 14. |
| Greengrocers | 6. | Poulterers | 4. |
| Caterers | 15. | Kiosks | 3. |
| Confectioners | 6. | School canteens | 2. |

### (2) Food Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act. 1955.

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| Manufacture, storage and sale of ice cream | 28. |
| Preparation or manufacture of sausages, or potted pressed, pickled, or preserved food intended for sale | 4. |
| Cooked fish | 1. |

### Food Hygiene Regulations.

Taken on the whole the standard of Food Hygiene is good. Where contraventions of the Regulations has been found, this was pointed out and was remedied, the owner being co-operative in every case.

### Condemnation of Food.

During the year the following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

| | | | |
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| Tinned meat | 123 lbs. 11 ozs. | Meat | 294 lbs. 12 ozs. |
| " fruit | 7 lbs. 0 ozs. | Frozen Foodstuffs. | 190 lbs. 12 ozs. |
| " milk | 0 lbs. 12 ozs. | | |

### Milk Supply.

Since 1961 the responsibility for the issue of licences for the use of special designation in connection with milk, or the registration of distributors was transferred from the County to the Dorset County Council under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960. The County Council however, have continued to keep this Council informed of the number of samples taken. 16 samples were taken, 15 passed and 1 failed the prescribed test.

6 Dealers' licences to sell pre-packed milk were issued.

The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1963.

As from the 1st. October, 1964 the special designation for raw milk became 'untreated' instead of 'tuberculin tested'. The special designations for heat treated milk remain unaltered.

The Milk and Dairies (Preservative) Regulations 1962.

This regulation came into force on 26/7/62. It makes it illegal for a person to add any preservative to milk or to sell milk to which any preservative has been added.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949. Section 20.

It was not necessary to invoke these regulations during the year.

Ice Cream.

No. of premises on the register for the :-
(a) Manufacture of ice cream.....Nil.
(b) Storage and sale of ice cream..... 28.
No. of ice cream premises inspected..... 10.
No. of inspections..... 10.
No. of Notices served..... Nil.

No samples were taken for analyses.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act. 1963.

Certain sections of this Act including the requirement to register premises came into force on the 1st. May, whilst most of the main provisions came into force on the 1st. August. This legislation is concerned with the numerous factors listed below :-

Cleanliness.
Overcrowding.
Temperature.
Ventilation.
Lighting.
Sanitary Conveniences.
Washing Facilities.
Drinking Water.
Accommodation for clothing.
First Aid.
Prohibition of heavy work.
Seating arrangements.
Seats for sedentary workers.
Eating Facilities.
Floors, passages and stairs.
Fencing of exposed parts of machinery.
Cleaning of machinery.
Training and supervision of persons working at dangerous machines.
Dangerous conditions and practices.

It is hoped that the standards of these premises which have not been included in any previous legislation will now be improved.

The Lyme Regis Borough Council and the Bridport Rural District Council have made a joint appointment of an inspector to carry out work under this Act.

There are 110 premises in the Borough which should be registered and inspected, and since this Act came into force the Public Health Inspector (part-time) has paid 225 visits to these premises.

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PETROLEUM SPIRIT.
Petroleum (Consolidation) Act. 1928.
Petroleum (Regulation) Acts. 1928 and 1936.

No. of licences granted..... 4.
No. of inspections..... 5.
Total petrol storage licences.....13,000 gallons.
Notices served.....Nil.

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RODENT CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF VERMIN.

No full-time Rodent Operator is employed. One of the Council's workmen who has attended training courses, deals with the Council's drains, sewers, refuse tip and premises, and also private premises on receipt of complaints.

No. of properties inspected..... 343.
No. of properties treated..... 42.
Infestations found, Rats; (Minor)..... 16.
Infestations found, Mice; (Minor)..... 26.

In addition, the operator dealt with 11 wasps' nests.

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PUBLIC CLEANSING.

A weekly collection is made of household and trade refuse by one lorry, and in the summer, additional collections are made in the business areas of the town as required. The refuse is disposed of at a tip on the cliffs east of the town. All main streets are swept daily. Gullies are cleared on the Borough roads by the Council and on Classified roads by the County Council. Litter baskets are provided in parts of the town and beaches.

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CAMPING SITES.

There is one well maintained camping ground of 7½ acres situated on the hill to the north of the Town, with 200 caravan sites licenced for summer use only and winter storage.

On the Monmouth Baech, owned by the Council, there exists a collection of day huts, caravans and chalets for summer use only. Water is supplied by standpipes at various points. On the same beach, the Council own and let 28 residential chalets for seasonal letting. These are laid on concrete foundations with asphalt in three terraces around walled-in-lawns. Each chalet has an independent water supply, electric lighting and cooking, food cupboard, trapped sink, and drainage connected to the public sewer system. Lavatory accommodation water borne, is provided at the rear in a separate block of buildings and drains to the public sewer.

On the Monmouth Plateau there are 19 caravans each with a gully connected to the sewer and a standpipe for water supply for every pair. A block of toilets to supply the site was completed during the year.

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SWIMMING FACILITIES.

There is no indoor swimming bath. Bathing takes place in the sea during the season from all beaches, and dressing accommodation is available from huts and tents on the main beach.

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SCHOOLS.

These are inspected regularly; all have piped water, water closets and washing facilities.

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NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT. 1948.
Section 47, Removal of Persons in need of Care and Attention to suitable premises.

There were no cases during the year where it was necessary to proceed under this Section of the Act.

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ALLOCATION OF VISITS BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Surface water drains - repaired..... 9.
" " " inspections...219.
" " " choked and cleared..... 70.
" " " colour test... 9.
" " " new laid.....135 yds.
Drains - inspections...123.
" repaired..... 10.
" blocked and cleared..... 45.
" water test.... 30.
" colour test... 79.
Advice on drains and sewers..... 32.
Factory inspections..... 17.
Infectious Disease inquiries..... 6.
Interviews.....788.

Sewers - connections made.....12.
" water test..... 6.
" inspections.....100.
" colour tests..... 28.
" blocked and cleared..... 18.
" repaired..... 12.
" outfall inspections..... 65.
Other inspections.....1318.
Houses inspected..... 18.
Building inspections..... 342.
Advice on pests and rodents..... 12.
Food premises..... 220.
Petroleum Regulations inspections..... 5.
Committees attended..... 167.

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LYME REGIS RIPARIAN LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Nil report. (on advice of the Ministry of Health 4/4/63)

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## FACTORIES ACT. 1961.

### FACTORIES ON THE COUNCIL'S REGISTER AND DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS MADE.

| Premises. | Number on Register. | Inspections. | Written Notices. | Occupiers Prosecuted. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities. | 21 | 6 | - | - |
| Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities. | 3 | - | - | - |
| Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities (excluding outworkers' premises) | 17 | 11 | - | - |
| Total. | 41 | 17 | - | - |

### FACTORIES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

| Particulars. | Found. | Remedied. | Referred. To H.M. Inspector. | Referred. By H.M. Inspector. | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Want of cleanliness | - | - | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding. | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable Temperature. | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate Ventilation. | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors. | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Unsuitabe or defective. | 4 | 4 | - | - | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes. | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total. | 4 | 4 | - | - | - |

FACTORIES ACT 1961 continued.

| OUTWORK. | Section 133 | | | Section 134 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nature of Work. | No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 133 (1) (c). | No. of Cases of default in sending lists to the Council. | No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists. | No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises. | Notices served. | Prosecutions. |
| Wearing apparel. | 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total. | 2 | - | - | - | - | - |

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